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Mr. SANFORD changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THE FOOD TRUST

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as chairman of the Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition to honor The Food Trust on celebrating 25 years of helping improve food security in Pennsylvania.

The Food Trust is a nonprofit founded in 1992 in Philadelphia that works to develop a stable food supply in underserved communities, educate youth and family about healthy eating, and improve the connection between urban communities and regional farmers.

A number of Food Trust programs have become national models that have expanded beyond Philadelphia to other regions in need of healthy food access and nutrition education. The Food Trust provides nutrition education for youth and adults in Philadelphia and the wider region, serving more than 70.000 lower-income individuals.

It also increases access to nutritious food in underserved communities by operating a network of 22 farmers markets in lower-income city neighborhoods, which accept SNAP benefits for the use of onsite wireless card readers.

I commend The Food Trust for the fine work it does promoting food education and to ensure that no one goes hungry in America. Congratulations on 25 years.

CALLING FOR INDEPENDENT COM-MISSION TO INVESTIGATE AC-TIVITIES OF THE KREMLIN

(Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Mr. Speaker, as revelations of Russian interference in our democracy continue to emerge, the need for a full and transparent investigation by an independent commission could not be more clear. The reason is simple: We need badly to restore trust in our government.

Though the House and Senate Intelligence Committees have begun related inquiries, neither will have fully investigated the activities of the Kremlin or its agents. Not a single member of the administration has testified under oath about their contacts with Moscow. The inherent politicization of these committees has made it nearly impossible for any congressional body to render the nonpartisan, irrefutable answers the American people deserve.

As a member of the House Oversight Committee, I echo Senator JOHN McCain's call that Congress "no longer has the credibility to handle this alone." Now is the time for an independent commission to fully investigate the ties between the Kremlin and the White House, along with Russia's broader interference in our democracy.

## VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

(Mr. BERGMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, 35 years ago yesterday, ground was broken on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Today, there are 58,272 names listed on that memorial. We still have work to do.

There are 1,615 names listed as MIA. As a Vietnam veteran, I want to call your attention to all of the men and women who served, the 2.7 million who served in Vietnam, a lot of whom are with us today, and a lot of those who will continue to celebrate the losses of our comrades.

Please remember that we all served honorably at the request of our government, and we will continue to serve as long as the cause is just.

CALLING FOR INDEPENDENT COM-MISSION TO INVESTIGATE RUS-SIAN ATTACKS ON OUR DEMOC-BACY

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, courageous Russians took to the streets to protest the repressive Russian Government led by Vladimir

Putin. All of our major newspapers report the stories of these brave souls.

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Their protests were met by brutal tactics of Putin's Russia, which bludgeons opposition, and, even worse, in the case of Denis Voronenkov, a former Russian member of parliament, who, on March 23, had spoken against Putin and Kremlin policies and was shot in broad daylight outside a hotel.

Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko pointed the finger at Russian authorities, calling the assassination an act of state terrorism. Political assassinations are not new to Russia. Violent tactics are what we have come to expect from Putin's Russia.

As we follow the facts on the Trump administration's ties to Russia, I urge my colleagues to think of the violence and assault on our democratic values that happen daily at the hands of Putin's Russia.

As we learned last week, this includes Russia's attacks on our democracy here at home. Congress must leave no stone unturned and get to the bottom of these shady connections through empowering an independent commission.

America leads when it protects our basic values as the global champion for liberty and freedom throughout the world.

### INF TREATY

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, recently, U.S. officials stated that Russia deployed a fully operational cruise missile. This is a violation of the arms control treaty between the United States and Russia.

The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty bans the U.S. and Russia from possessing, producing, or testing a ground-launched cruise missile with a range capability of 500 to 5,000 kilometers.

We have suspected Russia of violating the treaty in the past—for at least the last 10 years—but the last administration didn't pay much attention to it. He asked the State Department to gently ask the Russians to please come back into compliance, but that did not work. So last year, in the NDAA bill, Representative MIKE ROGERS and I sanctioned Russia for INF violations for the first time.

Now we have introduced H.R. 1182, preparing the United States to develop its own missiles. It is not in the United States' national security interest to abide by a treaty when we are the only ones abiding by it.

And that is just the way it is.

# ABOUT GOVERNANCE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)  $\,$ 

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, the question we raise this evening is about